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### February 23 Crops and Weather Update

By Doug Cooper, Extension Communications Specialist

Iowa State University Extension climatologist Elwynn Taylor, integrated pest management specialist Rich Pope, and economist Robert Wisner take a look at the 2009 growing season during the [Extension crop and weather weekly interview segment](#) with Doug Cooper, Extension communication specialist.

Long term weather forecasts from the National Weather Service offer hope for at least a chance of decent weather during the 2009 growing season, according to Extension climatologist Elwynn Taylor. He says La Niña is still in place, but may disappear or weaken by April.

Rich Pope says spring planting and field work are not too far away. He reports that Iowa State University Extension specialists are gearing up for the new season.

Robert Wisner says ethanol plants are experiencing an economic crisis as corn prices and crude oil prices decline.

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